



**Town of Mansfield
Proclamation
Peace Corps Week: February 23 – March 2, 2009**

Whereas, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

Whereas, more than 195,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; and

Whereas, over the past 48 years, 2,965 men and women from the state of Connecticut have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

Whereas, Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

Whereas, Peace Corps volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

Whereas, Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

Whereas, it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim February 23 through March 2, 2009, Peace Corps Week in the Town of Mansfield.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 9th day of February in the year 2009.

Gregory Haddad
Deputy Mayor, Town of Mansfield